

## **November 11, 2021 – EMPIRE VILLAGE COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING**

The meeting was called to order at the Empire Township Hall and the Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Davis at 7:00 p.m. Upon a roll call, Council members Bacon, Barr, Chase, Davis, Dye, Palmer and Rademacher were present.

**CHANGES/ADDITIONS TO AGENDA** – None.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA - Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve the agenda. Upon a voice vote, MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS** – None.

**CONSENT AGENDA – Motion by Bacon, supported by Barr to approve minutes of Regular Meeting 10/26/21, Closed Session 10/26/21, Special Meeting 11/04/21(Barr added to attendance) and approve Bills totaling \$10,607.95. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**REVIEW OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS** – None.

**COMMUNICATIONS** – None.

**DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS** – DPW Superintendent Friend's report was received.

**COUNCIL MEMBER/COMMITTEE REPORTS** – Barr reported on the Leelanau County Road Commission/MDOT planning meeting he had attended. He is assembling the information to provide for extension of Fisher St. in 2026 CIP plans. These funds require a 20% match which is currently estimated at about 50K. Bacon reported the Planning Commission has completed the Transportation plan. PUDs and Sidewalks are being updated and public hearing will be held. Davis reviewed the damaged loader situation. The repair will take some time and a replacement will be leased at 1K/week until completed. Personnel reported the DPW assistant will be starting on 11/29 and Parks will be holding a meeting on the 18<sup>th</sup> regarding the budget and CIP.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**ORDINANCE NO.119 – MASS GATHERING ORDINANCE – Motion by Barr, support by Palmer to turn this over to the Planning Commission.** There was discussion regarding the time required and whether some members of Council might have a background that would add to discussion. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**ORDINANCE NO.137 – SEPTIC INSPECTIONS AT TIME OF SALE – Motion by Rademacher, support by Palmer to approve Ordinance No.137.** There was extensive discussion regarding interference of a sale. **ROLL CALL: Ayes: Rademacher, Bacon, Dye, Chase, Palmer. Nays: Davis, Barr. MOTION PASSED.**

**ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 3.09 FENCES** – Bacon reviewed the language changed after the Council returned an earlier version to the Planning Commission. There was discussion

regarding wording in several sections. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to approve the Ordinance with the deletion of Sec.9.1A “tires or with containers rammed earth” in the last sentence. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

EGLE NONPOINT SOURCE GRANT OPORTUNITY – Dye reviewed a letter from Chris Grobbel to John Collins regarding testing of South Bar Lake. John Collins spoke in favor of completing the grant due Dec.1. There was discussion regarding who would write the grant and whether the Township or the Conservancy about their concerns. **Motion by Bacon, support by Rademacher to apply for the EGLE grant for 40K, she will work with Grobbel if the following are excluded of 2.e, f, h, and i from the letter written by Grobbel. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Bacon, Rademacher, Barr, Davis. Nays: Palmer, Chase, Dye. MOTION PASSED.**

MEDC AND RRC PROGRAM CHANGES – Bacon described how these programs have changed to accommodate smaller municipalities with different requirements than those for large communities. **Motion by Bacon, support by Barr to send this RRC process to the Planning Commission as a first step and bring it back to Council. ROLL CALL: Ayes: Unanimous. Nays: None. MOTION PASSED.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT** – Meg Walton commented on Septic Inspections and a feasibility study included in the CIP on a road extension. John Collins commented on the Grant application.

**COUNCIL MEMBER COMMENT** – Chase feels the grant application will be rushed. Palmer explained that she voted against the grant application simply because of the testing that had been removed. Dye agreed. Rademacher hoped Grobbel and Bacon will address the issue.

**ADJOURNMENT** at 8:25 p.m.

Derith Smith Empire Village Clerk

*These minutes were approved at the December 9, 2021, Regular Council meeting.*